



# Voting Information News

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## Voting Assistance Officers

### "To Do" This Month:

- ✓ Encourage participation in the 2001 Voting Slogan Contest by all U.S. citizens. Participants can enter as many times as they wish. See Page 3 for details.
- ✓ Ensure that citizens you assist have submitted new FPCAs to their local election officials if they have a change to their mailing address.
- ✓ Ensure that you are on the distribution list for the FVAP News Releases and this News Letter. *VIN* is available by e-mail, regular mail, or both! News Releases are available only by e-mail. Contact our office to be added to the distribution list.

**A roundup of voting news from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)  
For voters, potential voters and those who assist voters.**

## 2002-2003 Voting Assistance Guide Now in Coordination

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) is currently coordinating the 2002-2003 edition of the *Voting Assistance Guide* with chief election officials in all the states and territories. The new *Guide* will be in distribution this fall.

The *Guide* is the primary source of information on registration and voting absentee for citizens covered by the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)*. It provides specific state-by-state instructions for registering and requesting absentee ballots from the citizen's jurisdiction of voting residence. The *Guide* also features sections on the FVAP, instructions for Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs), a primary and general election calendar for 2002, procedures to follow for use with the Electronic Transmission Service (faxing service), a copy of the *UOCAVA*, and information on state income tax liability. The *Guide* is a crucial resource.

Production of the *Guide* requires coordination with state and local

government officials to ensure the information is clear and accurate. State officials have already begun to review and update their state's section with procedural and/or address changes that have occurred since the previous edition of the *Guide* was distributed. The up-to-date *Guide* will help *UOCAVA* citizens to

better understand and participate in the democratic process. The *Guide* will be available both in book format and in a continually updated electronic format on the FVAP's website, [www.fvap.ncr.gov](http://www.fvap.ncr.gov).

Additional copies of the 2000-2001 *Guide* are available while supplies last, and may be used until the revised *Guide* is received. Since some of

the information in the previous *Guide* will be outdated, it should not be used to assist *UOCAVA* voters without first consulting the FVAP staff.

Once the *Guide* is printed it will be available through normal distribution channels. Future issues of the *VIN* will provide procedures for procuring your issue of the 2002-2003 *Voting Assistance Guide*. ☑





## Stateside

### Upcoming Elections

**Florida:** There will be a special primary election for United States Representative, District 1 on July 24, 2001 to fill the seat vacated by Rep. Joe Scarborough who is resigning. The runoff (if needed) will be on September 4, and the special general election on October 16. If you are eligible to vote in this district, your absentee ballot request (FPCA) for the July 24<sup>th</sup> election for registered voters must be received by July 20<sup>th</sup>, August 31<sup>st</sup> for the runoff, and October 12<sup>th</sup> for the general election. Unregistered voters must request their absentee ballot not later than 29 days before the election; June 25<sup>th</sup> for the primary, August 6<sup>th</sup> for the

runoff, and September 17<sup>th</sup> for the general election.

For information regarding elections, you may call the DoD Voting Information Center (VIC), which provides recorded messages, generally 30 days prior to the election, from candidates. Citizens may reach the VIC from 59 countries using the toll-free numbers listed on the FVAP website [www.fvap.ncr.gov](http://www.fvap.ncr.gov). In the U.S. call 1-800-438-VOTE (8683) or local (703) 588-1343 or use DSN (military) 425-1343 to hear these messages. ☑

## FVAP Website

*"The freeman casting  
with unpurchased hand  
The vote that shakes the  
turrets of the land."*

- Oliver Wendell Holmes,  
Poetry, a Metrical Essay

The FVAP website is home to a variety of information about voting and elections. The information is updated regularly. Answers to almost any voting related question can be found 24 hours a day, seven days a week just by accessing the website. Access our website today!

Log on to [www.fvap.ncr.gov](http://www.fvap.ncr.gov) to find:

- Information on absentee voting, including a list of frequently asked questions. The training schedule for voting assistance officers will be posted this winter.
- The *Voting Assistance Guide*, which provides procedures for registration and absentee ballot requests state-by-state.
- The online alternative version of the FPCA, which is accepted by 45 states including the District of Columbia. Just print it, fill it out, and mail it in to your local election official (on-line users must pay postage).
- Useful FVAP publications like News Releases and archived issues of VIN.
- A list of toll free numbers to contact the FVAP from 59 countries
- Information on communicating with your elected officials, including local, state, and federal offices, and tips for telephoning or writing your elected officials.
- Links to state election sites where you can read about upcoming state elections and gain access to candidate information. It is another great way for you to stay informed with local issues.
- A link to find your county of legal voting residence using your town/city and state.
- Information for Armed Forces Recruitment Offices, including information on the *National Voter Registration Act (NVRA)* and voter registration information for military recruiters.
- Links to the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, National Governor's association, and many more. ☑

## Slogan Contest Deadline July 9

Thousands of submissions already have poured to our office for the 2001 Voting Slogan Contest, but we are still waiting for yours! If you have not sent in your entry, do so soon. If you have already submitted an entry, feel free to submit more. Remember, there is no limit to the number of entries a participant may submit.

The Voting Slogan Contest is a biennial event sponsored by the FVAP to promote interest in voting. All U.S. citizens are eligible to participate. All you have to do is create and submit a simple slogan that expresses the importance of voting to inspire others to register and vote. The winning slogan will be featured in the FVAP's 2002/2003 Voting Assistance Guide, motivational posters, and audio-visual materials as well as other FVAP resources.

In order for an entry to be valid, you must include your full name and service (if military); mailing address; daytime phone number; fax number and e-mail address (if applicable). If you submit an entry by mail or fax, please use standard 8 1/2" x 11" paper. Please submit each slogan separately (i.e. one slogan per entry).

You can submit your entries by:

**E-mail:** slogan@fvap.ncr.gov (Due to security concerns, any message with an attachment will be deleted upon receipt)

**Fax:** (703) 588-0108 or DSN 425-0108  
(No cover sheet is necessary.)

**Mail:** Federal Voting Assistance Program  
ATTN: Voting Slogan Contest  
Washington Headquarters Services  
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Your entry must be received by **July 9, 2001**. Please join the FVAP in inspiring others to vote! ☒



## Hidden Message Solution

MAKE YOUR MARK

*"Your Voice, Your Choice,  
Vote!"*

- Roger G. Mansfield, Jr.  
Civilian Employee,  
Department of the Army,  
1999 Slogan Contest Winner

## Voting Action Officers

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1-800-438-VOTE (8683)

E-MAIL:  
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We're on the Web!

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**Vote!**

## FVAP Hidden Message

Find the hidden words in the puzzle! The remaining letters will form a hidden message.

M A K E E R W O R L D W I D E W E B S T  
E T A T S T E S E N A T O R Y O S S S O  
U R M A R K O P E L E C T I O N I R E L  
Q H N Q R M J V R E E T S B V H H E R L  
X H C Z L C T X L E D U N G N S C T G A  
T N E D I S E R P A S Z M H L X N S N B  
N O I T C E L E L A R E N E G Q A O O E  
G K L E G I S L A T I O N P C J R P C E  
F E D E R A L B A L L O T T O Q F L B T  
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S P E C I A L E L E C T I O N L I B R S  
T S E T N O C N A G O L S Q M I E V D B  
N O I T C E L E Y R A M I R P R J S E A

ABSENTEE BALLOT  
CONGRESS  
CONSTITUENTS  
ELECTION  
ELECTORAL VOTE

ENFRANCHISE  
FEDERAL BALLOT  
GENERAL ELECTION  
LEGISLATION  
POSTERS

PRESIDENT  
PRIMARY ELECTION  
REGISTRATION  
REPRESENTATIVE  
SENATOR

SLOGAN CONTEST  
SPECIAL  
ELECTION  
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WORLD WIDE WEB

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